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[*on the report of the Second Committee (A/57/533)*]

57/264. *Human Development Report*

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 56/201 of 21 December 2001 on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

Recalling also its resolution 49/123 of 19 December 1994 on the United Nations Development Programme and the *Human Development Report*,

Reaffirming decisions 94/15 of 10 June 1994[1] and 95/24 of 16 June 1995[2] of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund on the *Human Development Report*,

Recognizing that the United Nations Development Programme funds, publishes, launches and promotes the *Human Development Report* and disseminates it internationally,

Acknowledging that the *Human Development Report* is an important tool for raising awareness about human development around the world,

Recalling that the *Human Development Report* is the result of an independent intellectual exercise and that the policies governing the operational activities for development of the United Nations system will continue to be set by Member States,

1. *Affirms* that the *Human Development Report* is a separate and distinct exercise which is not an official document of the United Nations and that the policies governing the operational activities for development of the United Nations system will continue to be set by Member States;

2. *Welcomes* decision 2002/18 of 27 September 2002 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund on programming arrangements for the period 2004–2007, through which a fixed annual amount of regular resources was allocated to finance the Human Development Report Office;

3. *Reaffirms* Executive Board decision 94/15,[1] by which it welcomed the decision of the Administrator to improve the process of consultation with Member

[1] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1994, Supplement No. 15* (E/1994/35/Rev.1).
[2] Ibid., *1995, Supplement No. 14* (E/1995/34).

States and other relevant international bodies to refine the methodologies used in the *Human Development Report* with a view to improving its quality and accuracy without compromising its editorial independence;

4. *Also reaffirms* that the preparation of the *Human Development Report* should be undertaken in a neutral and transparent manner and in full and effective consultation with Member States, with due regard to the impartial nature and use of sources;

5. *Invites* the Executive Board of United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund to include in its annual work plan as from 2003 a separate agenda item on the Human Development Report to improve the consultation process with Member States regarding the *Human Development Report* with a view to improving its quality and accuracy without compromising its editorial independence and to ensure the full implementation of the present resolution;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the implementation of the present resolution is reported to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session within the context of the relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on its substantive session of 2003.

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